

Student Flight prepares new Airmen for success

Benjamin Franklin once noted, “An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.” That same adage holds true today at the SCANG’s Student Flight. This group of young men and women are the newest

members of the SCANG and are getting prepped for success at Basic Military Training and getting their SCANG careers off to the right start.

TSgt. Jose Rodriguez, along with TSgt.

Amanda King, manage the program. Rodriguez said the Student Flight members spend drill weekends with a strict schedule designed to mimic what they’ll see while at basic training.

“We keep them busy every drill,” Rodriguez said.

The students learn many of the military’s fundamentals including physical training,

how to march, customs and courtesies, the Airman’s Creed, reporting statements, Air Force hymn and Air Force rank structure. By using information from the 737th Training Squadron at Lackland Air Force Base, the airmen already know the rank structure of the Air Force’s only basic training base by the time they arrive.

“The students really enjoy the training,” said Rodriguez.

He added in the future they would like to have the student flight members involved in some community service on drill weekends.

A1C Joshua Pelletier said, “he knew what to expect” when arriving at Lackland from the pre-Basic Military Training instruction he received while a Student Flight member. That training is paying off. Rodriguez noted that since the Student Flight has begun it’s more rigorous training, the SCANG has

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(by SSgt. Jorge Intriago, 169th FW/PA)



Buzz - Pilot for a Day

Travis Grimsley, Meagan Grimsley, Dante Meade and Deanna “Buzz” Meade toured the 169th Fighter Wing as part of the unit’s “Pilot for a Day” program. Deanna, who is being treated for cancer, visited the 169th Fighter Wing while escorted by SCANG aircrew. Deanna and her family were given VIP treatment while learning and experiencing what SCANG personnel go through in a typical day.

(photos by MSgt. Marvin Preston, 169th FW/PA)



Commander's Corner



by
Lt.Col. David Meyer
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It's game time. When our troops depart for Operation Iraqi Freedom in the coming weeks, the Swampfox standard of Semper Primus will again be demonstrated as we become the first Air National Guard unit to perform a stand-alone, 120-day AEF rotation. This ability often is touted as the primary purpose of our Active Association.

Yes, adding roughly 150 active duty Airmen to our ranks aides the active force by allowing our highly experienced members to mentor and teach young Airmen. Yes, the association augments our own part-time force. But the fact it enables our wing to deploy for an entire 120-day AEF rotation is truly historic.

Historically, Guard units "rainbow"

three units for 40 days each to cover the Air Force's 120-day rotation schedule. This accommodates the traditional Guard member's volunteer service by limiting time away from their civilian employment. Obviously, it is critical that this concept remain intact.

By incorporating our active duty members into our 120-day rotation (serving as they would as members of a typical active duty unit), we're able to spread our traditional and full-time forces across three 40-day periods. This model allows our full-time force to split duty

Active Associate		
Full Time	Full Time	
Traditional	Traditional	Traditional
40 Days	40 Days	40 Days
120 Day AEF Model		

at the deployed location and McEntire, thus "feeding the fight" by continuing to train the troops who will deploy with a later rotation.

The key to this model is the volunteer rate of our traditional force. I'm proud say McEntire stepped up to the plate and filled every tasked position. As it turns out, many of our traditional Airmen volunteered for more than 40 days. This allows other Airmen to either serve a shorter tour or, in some cases, stay home and manage operations here (or see to unique family demands). The willingness of our members to serve is humbling, and I consider myself honored to be a part of such an organization.

It has been a long couple years of preparation for this deployment. As the 169th Fighter Wing trained to a different mission than their bread-and-butter Suppression/Destruction of Enemy Air Defenses, pilots learned new skills in Close Air Support, Convoy Escort, Raid Support, Non-Traditional Intelligence – Surveillance – and Reconnaissance and Special Operations Forces support. Couple this with two ORIs, a deployment to Jordan and the UAE, numerous aircraft modifications and the ongoing efforts to secure McEntire's future with the F-35 and you get an incredibly challenging period in McEntire's history.

But we have cleared every hurdle and nearly reached the finish line! Our pilots and jets are ready. All 230 Unit Line Numbers are filled. And we go into our week of AT and May drill with the base support agencies rallying to accomplish our last deployment requirements. I am grateful for the efforts and attitude of each and every member of this organization who has taken on this challenge head-on and gotten us where we need to be. I am proud to serve next to each and every one of you and look forward to an outstanding deployment. Semper Primus!



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Chief's Concerns

Chief Master Sergeant Pat Wait, 169th MXS

I recently attended the ANG Leadership Challenge program at the McCrady training center.

It was an eye-opening experience for me. One of the topics from the seminar was the importance of communication skills, both among my peers as well as the young airmen that are the future of McEntire.

To improve our ability to relate to our fellow airmen, we have to learn to become effective communicators. The way to achieve this includes the words that you use to express yourself, being able to observe body language, and most importantly, listening.

As supervisors, we need to listen to our people. Listening is the key to receiving feedback; and is the most neglected communication skill. We must make a conscientious effort to listen to what our airmen are telling us and respond accordingly, so that we can maintain credibility with our troops.

We should encourage open and honest feedback from our subordinates, and identify areas we want to address to promote more accurate feedback.

The use of feedback can include scheduled feedback sessions, so individual(s) can take the time necessary to gather their thoughts and write down questions they feel are important.

Another takeaway from the seminar included the ability to recognize the different values of the generations we have at McEntire. Supervisors can then utilize that knowledge to become more effective in generating & receiving feedback from our peers & subordinates.

The demographics of McEntire include members from three generations; The "Baby Boomer" generation (born between 1947-1965); The "Generation X-ers" (born between 1966-1980); and "Generation Y" or "Millennials" (born between 1981-2001).

I have learned we perceive things based on the values that we have been taught. Those values can be different from generation to generation.

For example, Baby Boomers have a tendency not to question or challenge authority or the status quo; whereas Generation X'ers and Y's have been taught to speak up.

Why is this important? Because as leaders we need to understand the differences in how each generation interprets what we are trying to say. We can then tailor the message to the individual, and in turn better relate to their response.

One of the challenges we face is consistently keeping our fellow airmen up to date with important information. As a traditional



guardsman, I have benefited from fulltime members keeping me updated with relevant information between drills so I am prepared for the UTA. I know others are updated in a similar way.

The SCANG News is a great tool to keep us informed of accomplishments and upcoming events. There are also online forums known as a CoP or Communities of Practice, allowing members to access useful information. So, I urge all of you to keep the lines of communication open and ensure your airmen are kept up-to-date. It will save time and prevent confusion in the long run!



Recruiting & Retention

Military Personnel Summary

Strength

Officers:

Authorized	143
Assigned	133
Percent Manned	93.0%

Airmen:

Authorized	1198
Assigned	1250
Percent Manned	104.3%

Total:

Authorized	1341
Assigned	1383
Percent Manned	103.1%

(as of April 11, 2010)

Recruiting/Retention

Gains:

	<u>MONTH</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Prior	1	40
Non-Prior	7	70
Total	8	110

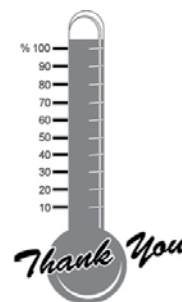
Losses:

ETS	0	6
Discharge	1	7
Medical	0	0
Resignation	0	3
Retirement	2	13
Transfer	0	10
Other	0	0
Total	3	39

Net Gain/Loss +5 +71

Recruiting Progress

We're at 103.1 percent!



We must maintain 100% strength through 2010! Recruit & Retain!

There are many positions open for immediate recruiting...

Munitions, Weapons, Crew Chiefs, Life Support, CE, Security Forces and more



Free childcare available

Free childcare for children 6 weeks to 12 years is available at Fort Jackson's Child Development Center for all Guard and active duty members for posted drill dates. The CDC is located in base housing next to the Fort Jackson Commissary. Hours of operation are 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. To obtain a registration packet or for more information, contact Terry DeLille, (803) 647-8089 or email her at carolyn.delille@ang.af.mil.

Commander's Action Line

Have a question, concern or problem? Leave a message on the Commander's Action Line. If requested, a member of the Commander's staff will respond with a resolution. Call (803) 647-8899.

Yellow Ribbon Reintegration Program

Radisson Hotel, May 2, receive information on benefits and services prior to your spouse's deployment. The Yellow Ribbon Pre-deployment program is for members and families. For more information, call Melissa Mitrik at (803) 647-8214 or e-mail her at mamitrik@gmail.com.

LRS 1st Sgt. position open

The 169th LRS has an opening for a First Sergeant. Candidates must be in the rank of MSgt. or a TSgt. promotable to MSgt. A package consisting of a letter of intent, resume and a RIP should be submitted to the 169th FW Command Chief, CMSgt. Zane Wall by June 6th. Contact Wall at zane.wall@ang.af.mil or (803) 647-8592 or (803) 608-0495 (cell) or (864) 809-1730.

Firing Range: No trespassing

The Base Firing Range, Bldg. 3320, is for official use only and closed to the public and to all non-authorized personnel. For more information, contact TSgt. Paul Wallace, 169th SFS, NCOIC, Combat Arms, Bldg. 979, (803) 647-8703.

H1N1 & seasonal flu vaccine

The H1N1 and the seasonal flu vaccines are mandatory. If you haven't had them, get them at the Clinic during the May drill. If you received the vaccines from a civilian provider, bring your documentation to the Clinic.

Summer camps for Guard families

If you are looking for some summertime fun for the kids, Terry DeLille, Family Readiness program director, has gathered a list of summer camps for children of military members. Some of the camps range from close to home to far off states, there are even a few family camps if you or your spouse has been deployed in the past year.

Island Lake Camp, located in Pennsylvania's Poconos Mountains, is for children 8-13 years old and runs from August 3-16. Have your child apply for one of five chances for Air Force youth to attend for free. Camp tuition is being provided at **no-cost** through a generous offer from the Island Lake Camp owners who wish to support military families by providing each of the Armed Forces Service Branches free spaces at the camp. Parents are responsible for transportation to and from the camp or to one of the bus pickup points. Visit

the Island Lake Camp website at www.islandlake.com and direct all Air Force camp selection questions to David Brittain at 703-604-6427. All youth that want to be considered for the free camp need to write an essay about "What it would mean to me to get to go to Island Lake Camp this summer". Camp selection priority will go to youth affected by current or recent parental deployment and should indicate such in their essay. All Air Force entries must be submitted electronically no later than May 1 to David.Brittain@pentagon.af.mil or fax to 703-604-0323.

There are a variety of activities at Island Lake including mountain biking, circus techniques, dance, skate boarding, pioneering, gymnastics, science, theatre, horseback riding, technology, music, and water sports.

The South Carolina National Guard's annual youth camp is held at Camp Bob Cooper in Summerton, S.C., for children 10-18. It will be held July 25-31 and costs \$150 per child attending. The application is now available online. For more information contact DeLille at 803-647-8089.

"My daughters have gone to this camp for

several years," said DeLille. "They want to go back every summer and they have all been junior counselors, so I know they really enjoy going."

The National Military Family Association is also sponsoring free, four-day family retreats created to help families reconnect after deployment. Operation Purple® Family Retreats are designed to bring families together for four days in a national park setting. In addition, FOCUS (Families Over Coming Under Stress), a resiliency-building program designed for military families and children facing the challenges of multiple deployments by a team from UCLA and Harvard Medical School. It has activities which

highlight areas of strength and resilience in the family and promote family growth. These four-day retreats are located in Olympic Park Institute, Port Angeles, Washington, May 7 - 10, YMCA of the



Adirondacks, Silver Bay, N.Y., May 21 - 24, The Teton Science School, Jackson, Wyoming: July 2 - 6. Visit the listed websites to see what camps will be right for your family.

These retreats are open to service members and their families who have experienced deployment within the last 15 months. The retreats are free thanks to support from the Sierra Club and the Sierra Club Foundation. Travel costs are not included. However, families who attend will receive a \$200 stipend per family at the retreat site to help offset the cost of travel. Applications are currently being accepted for all of the retreats listed above. Additional retreats are scheduled throughout the year. Interested families should visit <http://www.military-family.org/our-programs/operation-purple/family-retreats>.

www.naturebridge.org

www.silverbay.org

www.tetonscience.org

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seen a 100 percent pass rate at basic training.

There are also familiarization courses with Security Forces to learn the nomenclature and a basic understanding of the M-16 and M-9. With the Air Force increasing it's basic training to 8 ½ weeks, new airmen spend a week in a field training environment called "Beast Week," and trainees arriving from McEntire know about the weapons they will be using in the Air Force.

It's not always work. Guest speakers including NCOs and officers from around the base along with the Command Chiefs stop by to offer words of encouragement and advice. The flight also learns teamwork while doing a little PT, playing kickball and Ultimate Frisbee.

"I know when they leave for basic, they are prepared and we've given them tools," Rodriguez said. "And a lot of them have come back as Honor Graduates."

(by SSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)



(by SSgt. Jorge Intriago, 169th FW/PA)

Student Flight airmen perform mandatory physical training (PT) during the April Unit Training Assembly (UTA). New SCANG enlistees are assigned to the Student Flight to prepare them for Basic Training and Technical Schools.

In Memory of MSgt. James McMillian



1972 ~ 2010



The South Carolina Air National Guard lost one of its valued members April 9, with the untimely death of MSgt. James "Mac" McMillian. Mac had an infectious smile that is one of the many things that we will remember about him. He was an an engineer on the C-130 crew for the past 13 years after serving with the USAF and Nevada ANG for six years. The SCANG honored and remembered Mac in a memorial service during April UTA. At the service, Col. Scott Williams and MSgt. Jimmy Faile warmly remembered Mac. Chaplains (Maj.) Brian Bohlan and (Capt.) Shane Moore read scriptures and offered thoughts of comfort. SSgt. Christopher Knotts sang a stirring and spiritual rendition of "Amazing Grace" and MSgt. Phil Harrison played TAPS. In his remarks, Williams commented that the unit often loses retired members because our forefathers are an aging generation, but it's rare that the SCANG loses an active member.



Privacy Act and you, are you ready for the UCI?

How many digits of your Social Security Number are required for a Privacy Act Statement to be issued? “Wait a minute! What’s a ‘Privacy Act’, a ‘Privacy Act Statement’, and what’s it got to do with me or the UCI?” If these are the thoughts going through your mind, you’re asking the right questions.

Let’s start from the beginning.

What is Privacy?

Privacy is the right to be left alone and to control the conditions under which information pertaining to you is collected, used and disseminated.

What is the Privacy Act?

The Privacy Act is a motion enacted by the 93rd Congress of the United States and signed into law by President Gerald R. Ford on the 31st of December 1974 to protect the privacy of the citizens of the United States and its permanent residents. It was created in response to concerns about how the creation and use of computerized databases might impact individuals’ privacy rights.

The purpose of the Privacy Act is to balance the Government’s need to maintain information about individuals with the rights of the individual to be protected against unwarranted invasions of their privacy.

The Privacy Act establishes special requirements for the Executive Branch of Government when collecting, creating, maintaining, and distributing records that can be retrieved by the name of an individual or other identifier (whether in paper

or electronic form). It applies to information on individuals.

There are common misconceptions as to what personal information (also known as Personal Identifiable Information) is for military personnel. The best way to think of it is: personal versus professional. Information about your professional life (name, rank, grade, Air Force Specialty Code, etc.) is releasable – in other words, does not require a Privacy Act Statement. Information about your personal life (marital status; number, name, and sex of dependents; etc.) is not. (See AFI 33-332, *Privacy Act Program*, for additional samples.)

Why Me?

Ask yourself these questions:

- Do you handle information on individuals?
- Respond to requests for information in a system of records, or about individuals?
- Collect information and file it by name or ID?
- Manage a database with information on individuals?

If so, and if these items are in a *System of Records* (or needs to be), then there’s a good possibility that the system or document requiring the information should have a proper

Privacy Act Statement (PAS).

What is a Privacy Act Statement?

A Privacy Act Statement (PAS) is given orally or in writing to the subject of the record when collecting information that will go in a system of records. **NOTE:** This is done regardless of how information is collected or recorded. A proper PAS has the following four elements:

Authority: The legal authority, that is, the U.S.C. or Executive Order authorizing the program the system supports.

Purpose: The reason you are collecting the information and what you intend to do with it.

Routine Uses: A list of where and why the information will be disclosed outside DOD.

Disclosure: Voluntary or Mandatory. (Use Mandatory only when disclosure is required by law and the individual will be penalized for not providing information.) Include any consequences of nondisclosure in nonthreatening language.

So...how many digits of your Social Security Number are required for a PAS to be issued? Is it 9, 6, 4...1? The answer is: 1.

Sources: Department of the Interior www.doiu.nbc.gov; AFI 33-332, Privacy Act Program; Military Legal Resources www.loc.gov; Epic Privacy Information Center (www.epic.org)

(Commentary by TSgt. Jeffrey Tengencong, 169th CF)

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SCANG practices Close Air Support mission



SCANG pilots took to the skies over Louisiana to hone their Close Air Support skills during Green Flag East at the Army's Joint Readiness Training Center, Fort Polk, La. 170 Swamp Foxes generated 20 sorties a day while operating at Barksdale AFB, La. from 4-23 March, to participate in this live-fire exercise. The goal of Green Flag East is to effectively integrate airpower into the Army's battle plan.

(Photos by SMSgt. Richard Callihan, 169th AMXS)



Force Support Squadron merger - then and now

It's been nearly seven months since we've merged the Services Flight and the Mission Support Flight creating the new Force Support Squadron. This reorganization put our manpower, personnel and services capabilities under one leadership command. In essence, it's what you'll find in a military member's "support" circle of life – all under one umbrella.

In 2006, the concept of the merger came about as a result of a visionary blueprint by our Air Force Leaders to find more efficient ways of doing business; the focus became getting our people and organizations to operate at maximum efficiency. Through this merger, the goal was to streamline processes, increase efficiencies, maximize customer service and cut costs associated with maintaining two separate organizations.

In 2007, the Air Force turned that blueprint into an initiative ready to be tested. Air Force leadership identified six Squadrons, across six different Commands, to be test sites for the new squadron model. During the trial year many notes were taken,

customer service surveys conducted, and reports utilized to assist Air Force Leaders in making changes and improvements prior to world-wide implementation. In 2009, the Air National Guard elected to be the first "All In" of the Reserve and Active Components by asking each State to support the transformation and merge effective 1 October 2009.

Under the Force Support Squadron model, there are five flights. Consisting of the following; Force Development, Manpower and Personnel, Airman & Family Services (at McEntire, this function falls under the wing commander) and Sustainment Services. In the Air National Guard, we do not have the fifth flight - Community Services.

The belief that this merger would be a total success was because each unit already shared similarities in its programs, and in how they closely support their customers on the base. For example, with this merger, casualty affairs, previously a Mission Support Flight function, responsible for next-of-kin notifications and a host of other support functions for the family of a deceased mili-

tary member, and mortuary affairs, previously a Services Flight function, responsible for a number of functions, to include military honors and burial of deceased service members, two areas essential to ensuring the family is supported during an untimely death of a military member, is now under the same umbrella. With many examples such as this, the vision to streamline and create both fiscal and personnel efficiencies is underway and we are positively moving forward to achieve both.

This merger has truly been a monumental one. Though the effects are relatively transparent to our customers, we are already showing valued successes in the way we operate – we are leaner and stronger. We invite each of you to visit and tell us what you think. Our goal is to continue providing the highest levels of customer service and satisfaction that each of you have come to expect. We are 100% committed to serving the men and women of Team McEntire!

(Commentary by Lt.Col. Rita Whitmire, 169th FSS/CC)

18th Annual Golf Tournament to be held in June

The 18th Annual Eastern Invitational Golf Tournament will be held at the River Hills Golf Club in North Myrtle Beach and Meadowlands Golf Club in Calabash, N.C., June 22-25.

The tournament is open to all current and retired Air National Guard personnel and any member of their family and DoD civilians. The registration cutoff date is May 31

and costs \$132 per golfer for the three-day tournament play. Everyone that registers must have a current I.D. card.

One, two, and three bedroom condos are available at the old BayTree Plantation Condos. Reservations for BayTree Plantation Condos may be made by calling Betty Green at North Myrtle Beach Property Management, 1-800-637-4177 or 1-800-726-9815.

Send registration fees and information to: EASTERN INVITATIONAL, c/o Buddy McDaniel, 125 Running Deer Dr., Hopkins, SC 29061 or bring it by Paul Caldwell's office in the Wing Headquarters building (Bldg. 252), Room 132A. Buddy McDaniel can be reached at 803-776-2391.

YRRP... For all deploying airmen and their families

Event begins at 7:30 a.m. with breakfast/Church service and a Commander's welcome at 8:30 a.m. Event is scheduled to conclude at 4:30 p.m. Dress is business casual for civilian, duty uniform for military members. Location is the Radisson Hotel in Columbia and the Conference Center, 2100 Bush River Road, Columbia, SC 29210. Free childcare will be available at the hotel, (please bring diaper bags for babies). Registrations will also be accepted for the "During Deployment" family event in Myrtle Beach.

This program was designed to benefit National Guard members and their families by giving them access to necessary support and guide them to appropriate information, services, benefits, proactive outreach opportunities and referrals to help them "reintegrate" following a deployment. The program was designed to serve as the

link between service members and all channels of assistance they may need.

Questions may be directed to Melissa Mitrik at (803) 493-5093.



Need a challenge? Team 1636 is up and running

An online newsletter is now available for anyone interested in reading up on what has been going on with Team 1636, an athletic team started up by SCARNG Sgt. Roberto DiGiovine and his wife 2nd Lt. Holly DiGiovine. Sergeant DiGiovine is a full-time combat photographer with Joint Force Headquarters and Lieutenant DiGiovine is a full-time personal trainer in Greenville and a military intelligence officer with the AAMDC (SCARNG) in Anderson.

The DiGiovines have started the newsletter to help National Guard members get in shape and stay motivated with their fitness training.

The RACING TEAM is mainly focused on running, triathlon, and cycling; however, other sports, such as combatives and adventure racing, are also part of the program.

The name 1636 comes from the year the National Guard was born. The idea is for National Guard Soldiers and Airmen to use their passion for sport to promote the National Guard.

Current South Carolina National Guard members, retired Guard members, and their families are invited to join, regardless of athletic achievements.

"Team 1636 belongs to all of members of the South Carolina National Guard who are trying to promote our organization by keeping a healthy lifestyle," said Sgt. DiGiovine.

For more information, please contact Holly Di Giovine, by email

at: holly@empowerpersonaltraining.com or www.hollypt.com. Questions can also be sent to: roberto.digiovine@us.army.mil or visiting Team 1636's website at www.team1636.com.

(by Staff Sgt. Tracci Dorgan, 169th FW/PA)



Prayer breakfast to be held during May UTA

On May 2, the South Carolina Air National Guard will host its first Prayer Breakfast since 2005 in the Dining Facility at 7:30 a.m. This program, which is co-sponsored by the Wing Commander and Chaplain staff, is a time for reflection and for the SCANG to pray for the base, community, state and nation. Also featured on the program, will be Angel Metz, who will provide special music for the event.

The purpose of this year's event is to prepare our troops for the upcoming Air Expeditionary Force (AEF) deployment, which coincides this year, with the National Day of Prayer - annually held in May. Chaplain,

(Maj.) Brian Bohlman said, "It is important that our troops know that we support them while they are away, as we ask God for protection."

Prayer Breakfast Groups were inaugurated in the Senate House of Representatives to discuss their individual daily spiritual needs and their diverse, but uniform dependency of our country upon God. In 1953, members of the Senate and House prayer groups established with President Eisenhower the first Presidential Prayer Breakfast.

The name was changed to "The National Prayer Breakfast" in 1970 to emphasize less the individuals involved and more the pur-

pose of their gathering. "Therefore, when we gather together to pray, we acknowledge our dependence upon Almighty God that is consistent with our National motto found on all our currency, "In God We Trust," says Chaplain Bohlman.

In 1 Timothy 2:1-2, the Apostle Paul said, "I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness."

(by MSgt. Pelham Myers, Jr., 169th FW/PA)

Great things happen when Swamp Foxes get the call

Lt.Col. Michael Dunkin, commander of the 245th Air Traffic Control Squadron, just returned home after his recent deployment to Haiti. Dunkin, along with 12 other Air Guardsmen from New Hampshire, Mississippi, and Pennsylvania were sent to Haiti to relieve Special Operations Controllers following the earthquake that shook Haiti on Jan 12. Dunkin was in charge of the 24th Expeditionary Airbase Squadron. He and his crew arrived on Jan. 23 and were in complete control of the airfield within 52 hours. "We were operational very quickly," said Dunkin.

Dunkin said they were very busy right from the start. "On Jan. 29 we did 574 operations in 24 hours. That is a take-off or landing every four minutes. We were working an average of 16-18 hour days trying to get everything taken care of.

Because we were there, the Haitians were able to take time off and take care of their families and homes," said Dunkin.

"Our main objective of the ATC was to get the airport back to normal operations and we were able to do that." Dunkin added, "we also did the American citizens evacuations which was very difficult because there were more people to send home than there was space on planes, so we had to provide food and shelter for them until we could get them out of Haiti."

By Feb. 19 the first commercial air line landed in Haiti and by March 15 the airport was fully operational. The Haitians took over control and they went back to a 16 hour operation.

In addition to the ATC mission, Dunkin said that he and his crew assisted in the recovery mission at the Hotel Montana and they also

worked at the local orphanage, bringing food, water and giving them much needed man-hours to take care of their needs.

For three weeks following the earthquake, the airport was the only available port. Seaports could not open back up until a lot of debris could be cleaned up. Once the seaports were able to open back up, the air traffic was immediately cut in half, then down to 120 operations per day which is still more than the normal amount of 80 – 100 operations per day.

Aside from handling air traffic, Dunkin and his crew were also in charge of all air-field management, weather, services, communication, and personnel.

"Overall it was a great mission. We went in, did the job, and got out," said Dunkin. "It was nice to see the mission complete. I felt like we had accomplished something great."



Lt.Col. Michael Dunkin standing in front of the flightline of the 24th Expeditionary Airbase Squadron, Haiti.

(By Staff Sgt.
Tracci Dorgan, 169 FW/PA)

3 Steps to Your Post 9/11 G I Bill Benefits

Step 1: Log on to www.gibill.va.gov to review your benefit options.

Step 2: Submit your application (VA 22-1990 or VA 22-1990E).

Step 3: Check with your school certifying official to confirm your VA enrollment certification has been sent to the VA.

For more information contact the Retention Office at 647-8211.



(Photo by MSgt. Stephen Rector, 169th CES)

Cadets from the University of South Carolina's Detachment 775's AF ROTC program complete their Field Training Exercise at McEntire JNGB, March 26 & 27. The cadets simulated relocating to a deployed location. During the two day event, cadets focused on applying their leadership training while facing multiple tactics and attack scenarios. Approximately 60 cadets participated in this annual event. The simulated deployment was designed more for the sophomore cadets but training was conducted by junior and senior classmates as well.



We had around 65 folks show up for the April Breakfast, it had to be the Spring weather for such a good turnout. I noted that I forgot (again) to mention some first timers from our March Breakfast, which was Dewey Bullman, who switched over to the Army Guard, everyone seemed to know him, and our old former Public Affairs buddy, Richard Hodges, who came in all the way from Salem Crossroads (Fairfield County). We had no "new" first timers for the April Breakfast, but we saw some folks who haven't been with us for quite a while, Stephen George, and Dugan Foster to name a few. Curtis Godwin showed up, he is 93 years young. We did have a guest that Whitey Hewitt brought, and he was Mr. Stan Stanek, who flew a B-24 with the 8th Air Force for 23 missions across the English Channel during WWII days. We were pleased to have him visit with us.

McEntire History: As mentioned before in previous articles that we had a "slew" of people who retired during the timeframe of 1995-99 due to the manning documents changing. I am honoring the 1997 retirees, which based on my information numbered 46 folks. I will split them up in three groupings: I noticed many were pilots. They are as follows: Lt.Col.'s Ricky A. Mantei, Robert E. Fancher, and Wally A. Turner. Maj.'s Anthony W. Phillips, and Charles (Buddy) T. Young. CMSgt. Tazewell A. King, SMSgt. Alfred S. Pederson, Jr., MSgt.'s Mac L. Williams, Heinrich A. DuBose-Schmitt, Michael S. Pityk, Johnnie L. Waddell, and Willard Nash. TSgt.'s James R. Murphy, James E. Lee, Willie E. Henry Jr., and Woodrow W. Tyler. There were several other significant events that happened during the month of

May for SCANG Firsts, in 1979 was the first deployment to Panama Canal (Coronet

Cove), and in 1983, the first ANG commander to be checked out in a F-16, Stanley V. Hood.

I ran across some Flight Line call signs from the 1961-71 era that may peak your memory: Big Boy was Maintenance Control; SideWinder, flight line truck; HotHouse, line shack; Flame 1, fire chief; Lone Star, Brig.Gen. Morrell; Mobile, Ops runway truck; Tango, Follow Me truck, and there was something about the Gray Ghost? The Gray Ghost was the name of my car that I paid \$250.00 for when I got out of the Navy in 1965 and went to USC Conway. I had a high school buddy paint it Battleship Gray.

Our next breakfast will be May 5, at our usual place and time, Fort Jackson NCO Club, at 8:30. At the time of this writing no speakers, so come enjoy your breakfast and this time you can really shoot the breeze with your fellow SCANG retirees.

Thrift Savings Plan, no better time to sign up!

Saving for retirement can be easy using the government's Thrift Savings Plan. TSP is offered to all federal employees or military members as another retirement option.

It's never too late to enroll in TSP and the earlier airmen enroll the longer their accounts have to grow. Contribution elections must be processed by the Wing's payroll office. To enroll, download the Form TSP-1 (or Form TSP-U-1 for the uniformed services), from the web site and submit it to Military Pay for processing.

In addition to money for retirement, enrolling in TSP also has other benefits such as

reducing taxable wages.

There are various types of risk associated with the TSP funds. There is no risk of investment loss in the G Fund. However, investment losses can occur in the F, C, S, and I Funds. Because the L Funds are invested in the individual TSP funds, they are also subject to the risks to which those underlying funds are exposed. Because the purpose of the TSP is for you to save money for your retirement, there are rules that restrict when and how you may take money out of your account while you are still employed. After you leave the military

service, you can roll the money you have invested and any earnings into a traditional Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or another employer's 401k plan where it can continue to grow tax deferred.

For more information about the Thrift Savings Plan, call the toll-free ThriftLine (1-TSP-YOU-FRST or 1-877-968-3778). It is the TSP's automated telephone service. You can also opt to speak with a service representative. Or visit www.tsp.gov or more information or download enrollment forms.

(by SSgt. Stephen Hudson, 169th FW/PA)

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MOVIN' In, Up, & On

Enlistments

A1C Terra Brice, 169th MXS
A1C Mindy Caouette, 169th MDG
A1C Jhatara Garrett, 169th FSS
A1C Cameron Hooks, 169th AMXS
A1C Richard Meggett, 169th AMXS
A1C Lauren Narduzzi, 157th FS
A1C Larry Nicholson, 169th AMXS
A1C Scott Williams, 169th AMXS
AB Stephen Baran, 169th AMXS
AB Elise Davis, 169th FSS

Officer Accessions

Maj. John Wilcox, 157th FS

Officer Promotions

Captain

Gerald Harmon Jr., 169th FW

Enlisted Promotions

Master Sergeant

Thor Elmgren IV, 169th CF

Technical Sergeant

Jessica Guiry, JFHQ-SC
Jarvaris Miles, 169th CES
Barbara Wright, 169th MDG

Staff Sergeant

Jeremiah Boothe, 169th MXS
Jerry Carver, 169th SFS
Jarvis Colvin, 169th MXS
Jonathan Sellers, 169th SFS
Matthew Tate, 169th AMXS
Ronald Wightman, 169th MXS

Senior Airman

Mawasi Anderson, 169th MXS
Kyle Fallgren, 169th AMXS
William Harris, 169th AMXS
Alex Ramirez, 169th MXS
Justin White, 169th MXS
Ronald Wolfe, 169th AMXS



SCANG Schedule

2 May (UTA)

Air Expeditionary Force
Prayer Breakfast
(See Page 8)

Yellow Ribbon Program
(See Page 8)

February 2011 (UTA)
Unit Compliance Inspection

Deployment Ready?

- For airmen preparing to deploy for the upcoming AEF, here are a few reminders to help processing go smooth:
- Don't forget to enroll your family in DEERS.
- Is your SGLI amount correct?
- Ensure your I.D. (CAC) card will not expire while deployed.
- Don't forget to take your Airmans Manual.
- Are your ADLS courses current and have you completed the required Expeditionary Skills Training CBTs?
- Dog tags correct?
- A Will or Power of Attorney is advised, check with the base legal office at 647-8210.

Base Training

Airman Leadership School
(class start dates -- five-week duration)
(56 seats for ANG members)

2010

May 31 - July 1
July 12 - August 12

Noncommissioned Officers Academy
(class start dates -- six-week duration)
(75 seats for ANG members)

June 14 - June 29
July 6 - August 12
September 7 - October 14

Chief's Executive Course
June (TBD)
August 2-6
August 23-27
September 13-17

TESTING SCHEDULE

Tuesdays, 1 p.m.
Drill Sundays, 12:30 p.m.

Report for testing no later than 15 minutes before the test. Members testing on CDCs required for upgrade training must bring their AFIADL 9 course card with the following items documented:

Date review training began
Date due completion
Date review training ended
Supervisor's signature
Trainee's signature

Members without the card and required information are not allowed to test. For more information, contact a unit training manager.

Blood Drive
There will be blood
drives in the canteen on
6 June
8 August
3 October
Goal is to get 90 pints
Let's make it happen !!!

REFLECTIONS

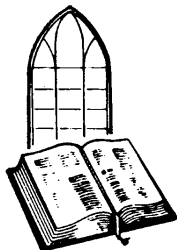
"On this day, let us commit our spirit to the pursuit of a life that is true, to act justly and to love mercy and walk humbly with the Lord. And when we falter, as we will, let redemption -- through commitment and through perseverance and through faith -- be our abiding hope and fervent prayer." —President Barack Obama

In preparation for the upcoming AEF, the Wing Commander has sponsored a special Prayer Breakfast. You are all invited to attend the event being held in the Base Dining Hall from 0730-0830 on Sunday, May 2.

May promises to be a very busy month for us, starting with Mother's Day, the AEF deployment, children finishing school, and ending with the Memorial Day observance. As Guardsmen we are constantly being pulled in different directions with our civilian employer, family, and service obligation. Sacrifice has always been a prerequisite to military service and I want to thank you and your families for the ongoing sacrifices each of you make as a Swamp Fox!

As you think about Memorial Day, remember the great sacrifices of our men and women fighting the Global War on Terror. Thank you for your sacrifices to keep America free. I am honored to serve alongside you.

By Chaplain (Maj.) Brian L. Bohlman



Worship Schedule Saturday

Maintenance (hangar) & SFS after rollcall

Sunday

Prayer Breakfast

1:30-2 p.m. - Catholic Mass

in the LRS conference room (Father Travis)

What's for Lunch?

Saturday

Beef Porcupine, Baked Chicken,
Rice and Gravy, Fried Cabbage
Mixed Vegetables

Snackline

Grilled Ham and Cheese,
Grilled Turkey and Cheese, Onion Rings

Sunday

Pot Roast, Ham Steaks,
Mashed Potatoes and Gravy,
Green Beans, Okra and Tomatoes

Snackline

Fish Sandwiches, Tater Tots, Coleslaw

The Dining Facility is open 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Everyone using the facility must present a valid ID card.

Top Achievers

Outstanding Academic Achievement

SSgt. Danielle Garcia

169th Medical Group

Ophthalmic Apprentice Course

Distinguished Graduate

SrA Charles Stoy

245th Air Traffic Control Squadron

Airmen Leadership School

Swamp Fox Litter

**Preston Shawn Shealey was
born to SSgt. Brandon and Krystal Shealey
March 27, 2010**

ESGR BossLift to be rescheduled

The ESGR BossLift that was previously scheduled in April will now take place later this year, most likely in the Fall. Traditional SCANG members are encouraged to invite their civilian employer for this event. Details and invitation information will be announced in an upcoming SCANG News.

Questions should be directed to the SCANG ESGR Program Manager, Lt.Col. Glen Boatwright, at 647-8216.

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